

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A nitride-based semiconductor device comprising:

a first nitride semiconductor layer doped with an n type
5 impurity;

an active layer formed on the first nitride semiconductor
layer, the active layer including a plurality of quantum well
layers and a plurality of quantum barrier layers alternately
laminated over one another, at least one of the quantum layers
10 being doped with the n type impurity; and

a nitride semiconductor layer formed over the active
layer, and doped with a p type impurity,

wherein the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with
the n type impurity includes an internal layer portion doped
15 with the n type impurity, and an anti-diffusion film arranged at
an interface of the quantum barrier layer with an adjacent one
of the quantum well layers, the anti-diffusion film having an n
type impurity concentration lower than that of the internal
layer portion.

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2. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to
claim 1, wherein each of the quantum barrier layers is made of
 $\text{Al}_{x_1}\text{In}_{y_1}\text{Ga}_{1-x_1-y_1}\text{N}$ ($x_1 + y_1 = 1$, $0 \leq x_1 \leq 1$, $0 \leq y_1 \leq 1$), and each of
the quantum well layers is made of $\text{Al}_{x_2}\text{In}_{y_2}\text{Ga}_{1-x_2-y_2}\text{N}$ ($x_2 + y_2 = 1$, 0

$\leq x_2 \leq 1$, $0 \leq y_2 \leq 1$) having an energy band gap smaller than that of the quantum barrier layers.

3. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to
5 claim 1, wherein the n type impurity is at least one material selected from a group consisting of Si, Ge, and Sn.

4. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to
claim 1, wherein the n type impurity concentration of the anti-
10 diffusion film is 50% or less of the n type impurity concentration of the doped internal layer portion in the associated quantum barrier layer.

5. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to
15 claim 1, wherein the n type impurity concentration of the internal layer portion in the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with the n type impurity is about $3 \times 10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$ to about $3 \times 10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$.

20 6. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the anti-diffusion film in the at least one quantum barrier layer is not doped intentionally with n type impurity.

7. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with the n type impurity comprises one or both of the quantum barrier layers respectively contacting the first and second
5 nitride semiconductor layers while having anti-diffusion films arranged at respective interfaces of the quantum barrier layers with the first and second nitride semiconductor layers.

8. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to
10 claim 1, wherein the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with the n type impurity comprises at least one of the quantum barrier layers each interposed between adjacent ones of the quantum well layers while having anti-diffusion films arranged at respective interfaces of the quantum barrier layer with the
15 adjacent quantum well layers.

9. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein the anti-diffusion film of the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with the n type impurity has a
20 thickness corresponding to about 10% to about 40% of the thickness of the quantum barrier layer.

10. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 9, wherein:

the thickness of the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with the n type impurity is about 3nm to about 30nm; and

the thickness of the anti-diffusion film is about 0.3nm to about 10nm.

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11. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 1, wherein:

the at least one quantum barrier layer doped with the n type impurity comprises two or more of the quantum barrier
10 layers included in the active layer; and

at least one of the two or more quantum barrier layers has an n type impurity concentration different from those of the other quantum barrier layers.

15 12. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein the two or more quantum barrier layers have different n type impurity concentrations, respectively, such that the quantum barrier layer contacting the first nitride semiconductor layer has a highest n type impurity concentration,
20 and the remaining quantum barrier layers exhibit a lower n type impurity concentration at a more adjacent one thereof to the second nitride semiconductor layer.

13. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to

claim 11, wherein the anti-diffusion films of the two or more quantum barrier layers have n type impurity concentrations proportional to the concentrations and/or thicknesses of the two or more quantum barrier layers, respectively.

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14. The nitride-based semiconductor device according to claim 11, wherein the anti-diffusion films of the two or more quantum barrier layers have thicknesses proportional to the concentrations and/or thicknesses of the two or more quantum
10 barrier layers, respectively.